

**University Presbyterian Church**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**April 12, 2026 | 8:30 am**

<<WE GATHER>>

**Instrumental Prelude: Trumpet Tune and Variations on "Christ Is Alive!" J. Wayne Kerr,  
Jonathan Reuss  
Wade Dingman, Principal Organist**

**Call to Worship: Revelation 1:12-13, 17-18a**

**David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts**

[from the Revelation of John the Apostle: ]

12 Then I [John] turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He placed His right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever.

**Opening Hymn #243: "Christ is Alive!"**

**David Gardner, Wade Dingman**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now  
And touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,  
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and come to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**  
**Atsuko Tamura, Elder**

**Hymn of Assurance #246: "Jesus Lives and So Shall I"**  
**(tune #3: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name")**

**David Gardner, Wade Dingman**

Jesus lives and so shall I.  
Death! Thy sting is gone forever.  
He, who deigned for me to die,  
Lives the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me with the just;  
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme;  
And, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him,  
Ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised: be it must;  
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, I know full well,  
Naught from him my heart can sever,  
Life nor death nor powers of hell,  
Joy nor grief henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost;  
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives and death is now  
But my entrance into glory.  
Courage then, my soul, for thou  
Hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just;  
Jesus is the Christian's Trust.

**Welcome**  
**Aaron Williams, Pastor of Care & Kindred**

**Greeting One Another**  
**Aaron Williams**

**Hymn #809: "Doxology"**

**David Gardner, Wade Dingman**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<<WE HEAR>>

**Invitation to Children's Worship**

**Atsuko Tamura**

**Offering Moment & Prayer of Dedication**

**Atsuko Tamura**

**Offertory: "Give Me Jesus" African American Spiritual, arr. Trevor Manor  
Cathedral Choir; David Gardner, director; Wade Dingman, accompanist**

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

**Sermon: "Recognizing Jesus" Aaron Williams**

**Luke 24:13-27 (p. 860 in NRSV Pew Bible)**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. 17 And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. 21 But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." 25 Then He said

to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures.

<< WE RESPOND >>

**Hymn of Response #642: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**

**David Gardner, Wade Dingman**

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

**Atsuko Tamura**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn #247: "The Day of Resurrection"**

**David Gardner, Wade Dingman**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!  
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

**Announcements & Benediction**  
**Aaron Williams & Gareth Icenogle**

**Instrumental Postlude: "The Strife is O'er" by Palestrina, arr. Carl Simone**  
**Wade Dingman, organ**

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**NEXT SUNDAY: April 19, 2026**

Preacher: Gareth Icenogle, Transitional Senior Pastor

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